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September 10, 2010

VIA EMAIL and FEDERAL EXPRESS

Honorable Alvin K. Hellerstein United States District Judge United States Courthouse Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street, Room 1050 New York, New York 10007

> Re: In re September 11 Litigation, 21 MC 101 (AKH) Bavis v. United Airlines, Inc. et al., 02-CV-7154 (AKH)

Dear Judge Hellerstein:

We write concerning the case of Bavis v. United Airlines, Inc., et al., 02-CV-7154. At the January 6, 2010, status conference Your Honor advised that as concerned the Bavis case, the Court needed to devote its attention to the property issues and settlements and requested the Bavis plaintiffs await the resolution of a number of property case issues. The Court also noted at that conference that a new case management order would be needed in the Bavis case.

The property issues were both myriad and monumental, but it appears from the docket that this Court has in large part resolved the 9/11 property damage issues. We realize of course there are still some remaining property case issues. Before this honorable Court can address issues in the Cantor Fitzgerald case, the Cantor plaintiffs must file their response on September 15, 2010, and American Airlines' reply is due on October 6, 2010.

Therefore at the Court's earliest convenience, the Bavis plaintiffs would request a status conference and a case management order for this case. To facilitate this request we attach a proposed Case Management Order for this honorable Court's consideration and provide the same to all parties in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN RE SEPTEMBER 11 LITIGATION

21 MC 101 (AKH)

MARY BAVIS, Individually and as Personal

This Document Relates to:

Representative of the Estate of MARK BAVIS,

02-CV-7154

Deceased.

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CASE MANAGEMENT PLAN AND ORDER

It is hereby ORDERED that the following Case Management Plan regarding future discovery, motion practice, pretrial preparations and trial is established for the Bavis Plaintiffs¹ and Aviation Defendants² in the In Re September 11 Litigation.³

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- 1. Counsel for Plaintiffs and the Aviation Defendants shall appear for status conferences with the Court on the following dates and times:
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1. Fact Discovery

¹ The Plaintiffs are Mary Bavis, et al. and are in Bavis v. United Airlines, Inc., et al., 02-CV-7154.

² The Aviation Defendants in Bavis v. United Airlines, Inc., et al. are: United Air Lines, Inc., UAL Corporation, Globe Aviation Services Corporation, Huntleigh USA Corporation, ICTS International N.V., Burns International Security Services Corporation, Burns International Services Corporation, Pinkerton's, Inc., Securitas AB, The Boeing Company, and the Massachusetts Port Authority.

³ The terms of this Case Management Plan do not apply to any other plaintiffs.

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including discovery from third parties or the United States as intervenor, such motions shall be filed no later than this date.

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submissions addressing trial structure issues by this date; short simultaneous responses shall be filed no later than March 25, 2011.

D. Pretrial Preparations and Trial Dates

1. Pretrial Preparations

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 - (v) <u>June 3, 2011</u>: Deadline for all parties to file opposition papers to motions in limine.
 - (vi) <u>June 8, 2011</u>: Final pretrial conference and hearings on motions in *limine* and objections to any exhibits or deposition designations.

2. Trial Date

SO ORDERED:

(a) <u>June 13, 2011</u>: Jury selection and commencement of trial in Bavis v. United Airlines, Inc., et al. wrongful death case.

| Judge Alvin K. Hellerstein | |
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| United States District Judge | |
| Dated: | |

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September 17, 2010

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Re: In Re September 11 Litigation – 21 MC 101 (AKH)
Bavis v. United Airlines, Inc. – 02 Civ. 7154 (AKH)

Dear Judge Hellerstein:

I am co-counsel for defendant United Air Lines in the captioned matter and write in response to the letter to the Court from Mary Schiavo dated September 10, 2010, enclosing the Bavis plaintiffs' proposed Case Management Order.

The Bavis plaintiffs' proposed Case Management Order is premature. Plaintiffs correctly note that in January 2010 you told the parties that you needed to devote the Court's attention to property issues and settlement efforts and that these plaintiffs needed to wait until those issues were resolved. (1-6-10 Tr. at 31-32). However, plaintiffs incorrectly state that the "myriad and monumental" issues relevant to the property damage claims have "in large part" been resolved. To the contrary, the order approving the settlement of subrogated and certain uninsured property plaintiffs' claims is on appeal to the Second Circuit, and the remainder of the property damage claims involving Cantor Fitzgerald and WTCP as well as the CERCLA claim of Cedar and Washington remain unresolved. The parties are occupied in serious efforts to address these claims.

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Diverting the involved defendants' attention from these remaining property damage claims at this time would be counterproductive. If you nevertheless wish to consider the Bavis plaintiffs' proposal, we suggest that the defendants not be required to draft a competing CMO until we have had the opportunity to meet with the Court and discuss in more detail the various issues relevant to efficiently and fairly resolving this last remaining wrongful death claim.

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September 17, 2010

By E-Mail

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Re: In Re September 11 Litigation, 21 MC 101 (AKH)

World Trade Center Properties LLC, et al. v. United Airlines, et al., 08 CIV 3719

World Trade Center Properties LLC, et al. v. American Airlines, et al., 08 CIV 3722

Dear Judge Hellerstein:

The WTCP Plaintiffs join the request of the family of Mark Bavis for a trial date. Our clients respectfully request that the Court schedule a joint June 2011 trial for all 9/11 plaintiffs in the 21 MC 101 docket who, more than nine years after the tragic and devastating events of that day, are still waiting for their cases to be heard and resolved.

WTCP remains totally committed to a full rebuilding of the World Trade Center. In recent years, the engineering, design, legal and political complexities of the project have been fully resolved. Design for the entire project – which includes 13 separate buildings or projects – is complete. Construction is in full swing, with thousands of construction workers at the site daily. New Yorkers have taken note of the significant progress, as the Memorial races toward its planned completion a year from now, and two office towers have become visible from outside the site. There has been an upsurge of tenant interest in the new high tech, green office buildings being built at the site.

WRITER'S DIRECT DIAL (212) 412 9530 rwilliamson@fzwz.com And yet, the plan being advanced by the stakeholders in no way will accomplish the *full* rebuilding of the site. Due to a shortage of available funds, the plan developed by the Port Authority and WTCP, with support and participation of the Governors of New York and New Jersey and Mayor Bloomberg, would only accomplish the rebuilding of as little as 4.4 million square feet of office space – or at most 6.6 million square feet, out of the 10 million square feet destroyed on 9/11 (a figure which does not include another roughly five million square feet of office space destroyed outside the World Trade Center site). In a city where the economic downturn has led to a dramatic

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drop-off in construction activity, the roughly 5,000 additional construction workers who would be put to work in a full rebuilding scenario, and the businesses who would supply the materials are standing ready to see the project to completion. But it is possible that, due to the shortage of funds, two out of the four office/retail building sites on the World Trade Center site will remain indefinitely in an unbuilt or half-built condition. In the meantime, billions of dollars of insurance money desperately needed to fund that effort remains in the pockets of the insurers of the airlines, security companies, Boeing and others who ignored government warnings about terrorist threats, failed in their duty to keep the terrorist hijackers off planes, and manufactured planes that allowed the terrorists to get past cockpit doors and take control of the flights.

In the wake of 9/11, Congress elected to protect the aviation companies from financial ruin by limiting their liability to the amount of their insurance. But surely Congress never envisioned a decade-long fight by the insurers to walk away with most of that insurance money still untouched and earning returns in insurance company bank accounts while victims – and New Yorkers -- wait and wait to be made whole both economically and through full physical restoration of the World Trade Center site.

The tenth anniversary of 9/11 – which will attract worldwide attention – is now looming on the horizon. The public needs to be given some assurance that our judicial system is capable of resolving even difficult, high profile cases in a reasonable period of time. Scheduling and conducting the long-delayed trial on the issue of the Aviation Defendants' liability and obligations is the only way that can be accomplished.

The WTCP Plaintiffs, along with other property damage plaintiffs, were asked to wait for their day in court behind many wrongful death plaintiffs who wanted to settle out of court. WTCP agreed to do so. Then, like the relatives of Mark Bavis, the WTCP Plaintiffs were forced to wait in line behind insurance companies who themselves did not suffer any direct damages as a result of 9/11, but who were merely suing for reimbursement of claims they paid.

More than a year ago, at a conference held on July 28, 2009, this Court stated "I'm here to try cases. . . . If they want to have a trial I am going to give it to them." Shortly thereafter, on August 19, 2009, the Court notified the parties that a liability trial including property damage plaintiffs would be held in June 2010 and directed the parties to submit a joint case management order. A proposed plan agreed to by all parties was submitted to the Court last September establishing a timetable for the completion of all pre-trial tasks and a June 2010 trial date. Under that agreed plan, trial of these cases would now have been completed. However, the Court never acted on the agreed plan. The reason – to allow the Aviation Defendants to focus on efforts to settle with certain other plaintiffs – no longer exists. Those other plaintiffs settled with the Aviation Defendants earlier this year and the Court approved their settlement, despite the objections of WTCP.

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The relatives of Mark Bavis have made plain their determination to go to trial to prove that the terrorist attacks and their devastating effects could have been avoided if the Aviation Defendants had done their jobs and thus thwarted the hijackers. They are entitled to a public trial of those liability issues before a jury. The WTCP Plaintiffs are ready to participate in that trial on the schedule proposed by the Bavis family.

A single trial is clearly warranted. There is no reason to try these important liability issues more than once, as the Second Circuit explicitly recognized in Canada Life Assurance Co. v. Converium Ruckversicherung (Deutschland) AG, 335 F.3d 52, 58-59 (2d Cir. 2003) ("[r]equiring a single forum for 'all actions brought for any claim . . . resulting from or related to' the events of September 11 must have as its goal the avoidance of the undesirable effects that litigation of September 11 claims in the various state and federal courts would inevitably produce. These effects might include: inconsistent or varying adjudications of actions based on the same sets of facts. . . .").

The proposed trial plan that the Aviation Defendants agreed to last year contemplated a nine-month period for all parties to make final trial preparations. Accordingly, there is no reason why a trial of all remaining claims cannot be completed before the tenth anniversary of the events of 9/11. Public confidence in our judicial system demands it.

We enclose a version of the proposed case management order submitted by the Bavis family's attorneys, modified to include all remaining plaintiffs in a final trial schedule.

Respectfully, Richard A. Williamson

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2. Trial Date

SO ORDERED:

(a) June 13, 2011: Jury selection and commencement of trial.

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| United States District Judge | |